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Title: Implantable Stimulation Electrode with a Coating for Increasing Tissue  
Compatibility  
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

This Preliminary Amendment is filed as a part of the national stage entry of PCT application PCT/EP2004/05550, which was filed on 21 May 2004, which, in turn, claims priority from German patent application number 103 28 816.3, filed on 21 June 2003. The fees for the claims should be calculated based on the claims remaining after the entry of this Preliminary Amendment, which results in 22 total and 1 independent claim. Please amend the application as follows:

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION – begin on page 2 and are reflected in the substitute specification submitted herewith in clean copy and marked-up copy versions.

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS - are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 3.

AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS – none.

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS – begin on page 7.